

RSVP people give services that would cost \$189,966

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The Retired Senior Volunteer Program, (RSVP) has successfully completed another year in Sevier, Sanpete, and Wayne Counties, according to Director Ronna Leyba.

Leyba reports that, during the past year, 859 volunteers donated 85,960 hours. Basing this on a minimum wage of \$4.5, services have totaled \$189,966.

The 12 schools in the three counties utilized 112 volunteers who donated 5,418 hours of their time towards helping students. Services have totaled \$18,151.

The 306 volunteers working in the Aging Program and providing friendly visits, to telephone reassurance, and escort services, donated 2,764 hours which is equivalent to \$9,259.

There were 23 volunteers working in the Adult Literacy Program who donated 1,228 hours. Services have totaled \$4,144.

The Six County Commissioners Commodity Distribution utilized 192 RSVP volunteers who contributed 1,848 hours, services totaled \$6,919.

The Senior Nutrition Program utilized two volunteers who contributed

912 hours, services totaled \$3,055 in Sanpete County only.

The Panoramaland Program, (tourist, information booth), utilized 39 volunteers who contributed 1,409 hours, services totaled \$4,720.

The 23 volunteers in hospitals and care centers in Juab, Millard, Sanpete, and Sevier contributed 1,689 hours, services totaled \$5,658.

However, according to Leyba, there is a critical need in school districts. The bottom line is the need for volunteers to help school children reach their potential. The help of people in the communities who care about the future of the communities is needed, she said.

Senior citizens are the fastest growing natural resource in this country. They are caring and giving, and relate well to children and they to them, she said. No special talents are required, just a willingness to share experience, knowledge and love with young students.

RSVP, a part of the federal program ACTION, is now sponsored by the Sevier School District and the Sevier Valley Tech.

Call Director Ronna Leyba at 896-9038 for information on how to get involved.

2 Utah volunteer programs win Take Pride in America Awards

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WASHINGTON — Two volunteer environmental efforts in Utah have won national Take Pride in America Awards from the Interior Department, Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan Jr. announced.

The Logan Ranger District of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and Gregg Simonds of the Deseret Land & Livestock Corp were among 89 national winners from 29 states, Lujan said in a statement released through the office of Rep. Jim Hansen, R-Utah.

The finalists were selected from 700 nominations by a panel headed by Barbara Bush. Winners will be invited to the White House for an awards ceremony later this year.

Simonds was recognized for his efforts in land resource oversight, managing to run a ranch at a profit while actually improving the condition of its land to the point of making it a showpiece.

He has hosted Society for Range Management tours, Soil Conservation Service workshops, time-controlled grazing workshops and numerous university class sessions.

The Logan Ranger District was honored for organizing and mobilizing more than 1,750 volunteers to do 130 projects that have made the area one of the cleanest and best-kept in the forest system.

Among the projects were monthly cleanups, trail maintenance, campground maintenance, sign construction and bridge construction.

"That two Utah projects were among the top winners speaks well for our state," Hansen said. "It shows we can receive economic, cultural and recreational benefits from our public lands while preserving these same benefits for future generations."

The Interior Department's Take Pride in America Awards are designed to increase awareness of the need for wise use of resources, and to increase volunteer efforts in that area.